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OF THE

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OF THE

GERMAN EVANGELICAL-LUTHERAN

Ministerium

OF

PENNSYLVANIA AND ADJACENT STATES,

CONVENED

AT POTTSTOWN, PA. DURING TRINITY WEEK,

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MINUTES.

Agreeably to a resolution of the last annual Synod, the members of the "GERMAN EVANGELICAL-LUTHERAN MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA AND ADJACENT STATES," held their ninety-sixth annual Convention, at Pottstown, in the State of Pennsylvania, on Trinity Sunday, the 2d of June, A. D. 1844.

In the morning, the Rev. J. P. HECHT officiated for the Rev. President, (who is *Pastor loci,)* and preached in the German language, from Acts 26: 18, *To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.*

In the afternoon, the Secretary, the Rev. J. W. RICHARDS, preached in the English language, from Luke 24: 31, *And their eyes were opened, and they knew him.*

In the evening, the Rev. G. JÆGER preached in the German language, from Acts 24: 25, *Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.*

The congregations assembled on each occasion were large. The blessing of the Lord accompanying the truth as delivered by his servants, that their labors may not have been in vain.

On the Saturday evening preceding, the Rev. C. W. SCHÆFFER preached in the English language, from 2 Cor. 4: 2, *But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, not handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth, commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.*

SYNODICAL PROCEEDINGS.

First Session.

Monday, June 3d, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Pursuant to a previous notice, the ministers and lay-delegates of the congregations convened in the church for the transaction of business. The President opened the session with singing and prayer. The Secretary having called the roll, the following brethren were found to be present, and took their seats according to the constitution; after which, the delegates of the congregations, under the care of their respective pastors, presented their credentials and were constitutionally recognised as members of this body. Thus organized, the Synod consisted of the following, viz.

Ministers.	Residence.	Lay-delegates.
Rev. J. P. Hecht,	Easton,	John Bachman.
" J. Miller, D. D.	Reading,	
" D. Ulrich,	Stouchsburg,	
" J. C. Baker, D. D.	Lancaster,	
" C. Miller,	New-Hanover,	J. B. Missimer.
" B. German,	Allentown,	
" C. Demme, D. D.	Philadelphia,	J. Rommel.
" G. A. Reichart,		Jacob Miller.
" G. Jæger,	Hamburg,	
" W. G. Eyer,	Catawissa,	
" J. W. Richards,	Germantown,	F. Flemins.
" H. S. Miller,	Trappe,	P. Boyer.
" W. B. Kæmmerer,	Richland,	
" J. Rœller,	Kutztown,	
" Schulze,	Williamsport,	
" M. Herpel,	Reading,	J. Reif.
" E. Peixoto,	Sumnytown,	F. Ruff.
" J. Medtart,	Blue Belle,	J. Miller.
" J. Hæsbert,	Baltimore,	
" C. F. Welden,	Kimberton,	H. Christman.
" C. W. Schæffer,	Harrisburg,	
" F. Schmidt,	Pittsburgh,	
" G. M. Merz,	Lingelstown,	
" W. G. Minnig,	Pottsville,	J. Kohler.

Ministers.	Residence.	Lay-delegates.
Rev. C. F. Stœver,	Milton,	
" D. Kohler,	Kutztown,	J. Hausman.
" A. T. Geissenhainer,	Orwigsburg,	
" C. Gerhardt,	Elizabethtown,	J. Missimer.
" G. H. Brandan,	Chambersb'g.	
" S. A. Mealy,	Philadelphia,	
" A. Gockelen,	Friedensburg,	
" C. F. Friedrich,	Brickersville,	E. Bixler.
" C. Georgii,	Zamaqua,	J. Mees.
Cand. A. Bauer,	East Penn,	Jacob Horn.
" F. A. M. Keller,	Reading,	
" G. A. Wenzel,	Hecktown,	
" C. Neuman,	Line Mountain,	A. Herb.

The following brethren were absent:

Rev. W. G. Ernst, D. D.	with excuse.
" W. Bætis, (senior ministerii)	' '
" Mendsler, - - -	without excuse.
" Hemping, - - -	with excuse.
" G. Minnig, sen. - -	' '
" J. J. Strein, - - -	' '
" F. W. Geissenhainer, -	' '
" G. Abele, - - -	' '
" C. P. Miller, - -	' '
" J. B. Gross, - - -	without excuse.
" J. Schindel, - -	' '
" J. P. Schindel, jr. - -	with excuse.
" H. Stecher, - -	' '
" Trumbauer, - - -	without excuse.
" J. Stein, - - -	' '
" J. Bahl, - - -	' '
" J. Jæger, - - -	with excuse.
" J. Binninger, - - -	without excuse.
" A. Fuchs, - -	' '
Cand. C. Erle, - - -	with excuse.

The following brethren of other Synods being proposed, were accordingly received as advisory members:

Rev. Hoffman, a member of the German Reformed Synod: Rev. C. Barnitz, lately a member of the Evangelical

Lutheran Synod of West Pennsylvania, and present Pastor of the congregation at New-Holland, Pa.; his delegate, Mr. S. Mentzer, was also admitted to a seat as an advisory member: Rev. Viewend, of Washington, D. C.; and Mr. Knœpple, a delegate from the congregation in Lycoming. The Synod thus consisted of sixty members.

In conformity with chap. 9, sec. 5 of the Constitution, the brethren who were absent from the last annual Synod, and did not excuse themselves by letter, were called upon by the President to lay their excuse before the Synod.

Rev. J. P. Hecht, having stated the cause of his absence, was excused. Pastor Schulze was also excused. Pastor German was not excused.

Agreeably to the constitution, the President now read his annual report, which was laid on the table for further consideration.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

To the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, convened at Pottstown, June 3d, 1844:

ESTEEMED BRETHREN:

In compliance with my duty, as President, I report, That on my return from the last annual convention of the Synod, I received a letter from Pastor Sallman, giving me the address of those from whom I might receive information of him. Agreeably to the resolution of Synod, I wrote immediately, according to the address given, but as yet have received no answer. See A.

June 12. I received a letter from Candidate Wenzel, in which he asks permission to visit and immediately to accept of vacant congregations. His request was granted. See B.

June 26. I received a letter from Candidate Neuman, requesting the privilege to accept of vacant congregations in his neighborhood. His request was granted. See C.

August 28. Received a letter from brother Fisher, in which he informs me of his intention to return to Germany, and requests that I should transmit to him a recommendation. I did so. See D.

August 28. Received a letter from Pastor W. Schulze,

Schmidtport, M'Kean county, in which he informs me that he was laboring in that section of the Lord's vineyard, and desires that our Missionary Society may remember this field of labor. See E.

Sept. 12. Received a letter from Pastor Hæsbert, in which he, as well as Rev. Dr. Baker, highly recommends Mr. H. Stræter for *ad interim* license. On their recommendation I granted him license *ad interim*. See F.

Sept. 12. Received a letter from Candidate Bauer, requesting permission to visit and accept of two vacant congregations in his neighborhood. Answered his letter affirmatively. See G.

October 11. Received a letter from Pastor Finckel, notifying me of the resolution of his congregation, and of his own intention, to dissolve their connection with this Synod, and to unite themselves with the East Pennsylvania Synod. See H.

November 17. Mr. August Bergner visited me, having received a call from the congregation at New-Jerusalem, Berks county, wishing license *ad interim* until the meeting of this Synod. Being favorably recommended in a letter from Pastor Aug. Geissenhainer, I gave him license *ad interim*. See I.

In the months of Sept. November and December, Pastor Dollman and Candidate Franke visited me for the purpose, as they said, of asking counsel and permission to accept of vacant congregations; but as they did not exhibit any satisfactory testimonials from Europe, I gave them such advice as judgment dictated, and recommended them as favorably as the circumstances of the case would justify.

November. Received a letter from Pastor Merz, and also one from the members of his congregation, (Michæls) at Harrisburg, in which they mutually notify me, that their former union is dissolved, and consequently the congregation is vacant. See K.

November. Received a letter in the name of many members of St. Peter's and St. Jacob's congregations, expressing the desire to remain in connexion with this body, and to have the services of one of its pastors. See L.

November. Received a letter from Mr. Schwamb, Secretary of the Lutheran congregation at Boston, as also one

from their former pastor, Rev. Brandau, informing me that Rev. Brandau had left Boston and taken charge of the congregation at Chambersburg. See M.

December. Received a letter from Rev. Rizer and Mr. H. W. Suhr, addressed to Dr. Baker and by him transmitted to me, asking license for Mr. Suhr until this convention of Synod. Granted the request. See N.

January 8. Received a letter from the members of the church-councils of St. Peter's and St. Jacob's congregations, wishing that they may in future be regarded as belonging to the East Pennsylvania Synod. See O.

February. A petition for dismission from Zion's, Peter's, Jacob's, and the Sunbury congregations, which are under the care of Pastor Schindel. See P.

May. Received a letter from Pastor Sallman, desiring to know whether I had received an answer from Germany, and whether he could, in case he should report himself, be admitted as a member of Synod, at this meeting. I answered, that I had as yet received no information from Germany, and that without satisfactory testimonials, it was not probable that he would be received as a member of Synod. See Q.

May 28. Received a letter from candidate Erle, in which he asks the Synod to excuse his absence, on account of sickness, and gives his parochial report. See R.

The above is an account of the official acts transacted during the past synodical year.

C. MILLER,

President of the Ev. Luth. Synod of Penn.

May Jesus Christ, the great Bishop, be with his church in future, as he has been with her in the past, that she may increase in numbers, in faith, love and hope, for his own glory. C. M.

Resolved, That this report be given into the hands of a committee, for examination and consideration, who shall report the result.

The constitutional time for the election of officers having now arrived, the President stated that an election would now be held. He appointed Pastors Reichart and Eyer,

and Delegate P. Boyer, to superintend the election, which resulted as follows, viz:

Rev. J. Miller, D.D.	Reading,	President.
" J. W. Richards,	Germantown,	Secretary.
" J. C. Baker, D.D.	Lancaster,	Treasurer.

The officers elect having taken their seats, the President requested that all letters and documents intended for the action of this body should now be presented; and for the purpose of facilitating business, the names of the members composing Synod were called, after which the President observed, that if any one wished to propose any subject orally, it could now be done.

The papers presented were numbered, (being twenty-one in number) and distributed among committees to report thereupon.

The Rev. Mr. Wetzel, delegate from our sister Synod in New-York, appeared and was cordially received as a member entitled to vote. The Rev. Mr. Stohlman, of the same body, was also cordially received as an advisory member.

The Rev. Mr. Jung, pastor of the German Reformed congregation at the Trappe, was received as an advisory member.

The following committees were appointed. 1. On the written papers intended for the action of Synod:

The first committee consisted of Rev. J. P. Hecht, W. Eyer, C. Stœver, and delegates Messrs. John Bachman, and J. B. Missimer.

The second committee consisted of the Rev. D. Ulrich, C. Schæffer, D. Kohler, and Messrs. Rommel and Mueller.

The third committee consisted of the Rev. G. A. Reichart, B. German, M. Harpel and Messrs. F. Flemins and P. Boyer.

The fourth committee consisted of the Rev. G. W. Minnig, C. F. Welden, A. T. Geissenhainer, and Messrs. Reiff and Ruff.

2. On the minutes of the different Synods sent to this convention:

First committee,—On the minutes of the Synods of West Penn. and the Eastern district of Ohio, Rev. A. Gockelen.

Second committee,—On the minutes of the Synods of

the West and the Western district of Ohio, Rev. Friedrich.

Third committee,—On the minutes of the Synods of New York, and the last annual sessions of this Synod, Rev. G. Merz.

Fourth committee,—On the minutes of the Synods of Maryland and Allegheny, Rev. Medtart.

Fifth committee,—On the minutes of the Synods of North Carolina and South Carolina, Rev. Kæmmerer.

The President appointed Rev. J. Rœller, F. A. M. Keller, and Mr. P. Boyer, as a committee to audit the Treasurer's account. The Examining committee not having its full complement, the President appointed the Rev. Dr. Demme and C. Miller in the place of the members who were absent.

Messrs. Oberfeld, Schmidt, Bergner, Jæger and Rally reported themselves as applicants for license. Their papers were submitted to the examining committee, and in reference to Mr. Rally, they should decide whether to examine or hold a colloquium with him.

It was resolved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of last annual meeting.

After prayer by Pastor Ulrich, Synod adjourned.

Second Session.

Monday, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Was opened with singing and prayer by Pastor Reichart. The minutes of the first session were read and approved. Rev. Georgii now appeared and took his seat.

The third committee reported through Rev. Harpel; the report was accepted, and its consideration deferred until after the report of the first committee.

REPORT OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE.

The first committee reported through its chairman, Rev. Hecht; the report was received and considered.

No. 1, Is the report of the President, which your committee finds to be correct. We recommend letter E. to the consideration of the Missionary Society. Your com-

mittee is of the opinion, that letters L. O. P. should be read to the Synod.

No. 2, Is a letter relating to Mr. Sallman, dated Cassel, Sept. 28, 1843, from Rev. Christa, appointed for this purpose by the consistory. The writer informs the President that he is not acquainted with any immoralities in the conduct of Mr. Sallman.

No. 3, Is a letter from Rev. Dr. Hazelius, which we recommend to the attention of the Missionary Society.

The Synod approving of No. 1, it was

Resolved, That these letters, and all other circumstances relating to the St. Peters and other congregations in Shamokin, be now read and stated to the Synod; when it was further

Resolved, That the whole matter be transferred to the hands of a committee for more minute examination and report. This committee consisted of Rev. F. Schmidt, E. Peixoto, W. Minnig, and Messrs. J. B. Missimer and John Bachman.

Resolved, That the consideration of No. 2 be transferred to the Ministerium.

Resolved, That the consideration of No. 3 be deferred until the meeting of the Missionary Society.

The Examining committee presented its report, which was accepted and considered. The Examining committee has the honor to report that the following papers were submitted to its consideration:

First. Pastor Biewend's documents, Ordination-Diploma, certificate of his mission by the Society, &c. and of his acceptance as pastor, by the congregation at Washington, D. C. The committee cordially propose Rev. Biewend as a member of our Ministerium.

Resolved, That the consideration of this proposal, agreeably to the constitution, be deferred until the meeting of the Ministerium.

Second. A petition from Mr. W. B. Rally, asking membership with the Ministerium. Inasmuch as your committee has no positive evidence of Mr. Rally's connexion with the Synod of Maryland, it cannot make any proposal in reference to the prayer of the petitioner, although the testimonials of Dr. Mayer and B. Keller, which accom-

pany the petition, are very favorable in their recommendations.

As Mr. Rally was present, he gave an explanation of the matter, to the entire satisfaction of the committee and the Synod, when it was

Resolved, That the consideration of the request of Mr. Rally be deferred until the meeting of the Ministerium.

Third. A petition from P. Z. Oberfeld, asking to be examined, together with the following papers, a Pass, very favorable testimonials of his moral character from the church-councils at Maxatany, the New-Jerusalem congregation, and the Rev. Mr. Helfrich. Your committee propose that he be examined.

Resolved, That the proposal be accepted.

Fourth. A petition from C. Schmidt, asking to be examined, together with letters from the church-council of the New-Jerusalem congregation, favorably recommending him. Your committee propose that he be examined.

Resolved, That the proposal be accepted.

Fifth. A petition from August Bergner, asking to be examined, together with an *ad interim* license from the late President, a favorable recommendation and a call from the church-council of the New-Jerusalem congregation. Your committee propose that he be admitted to examination.

Resolved, That the proposal be accepted.

Sixth. Your committee, on the verbal recommendations of Rev. J. P. Hecht and H. S. Miller, propose that N. Jæger be admitted to examination.

Resolved, That the proposal be accepted.

C. R. Demme, C. Miller,
J. Hæsbært, F. Schmidt,
E. Peixoto,

REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE.

The report of the second committee, presented by Rev. Ulrich, was accepted and considered.

The second committee has the honor to report the following:

No. 3, b. Is a catalogue of the books in the library of the late Pastor Probst of Northampton county.

No. 4, Is a letter from Rev. Stecher, in which he as-

signs sickness as the cause of his absence from Synod, and transmits $8,41 as his contributions for the Synodical and Missionary treasuries; as also his parochial report. Your committee propose that Brother Stecher be excused.

No. 5, Is a letter from Rev. J. P. Schindel, sen., in which he states that he has paid the $20,00 to the widow Ilgen, which was placed in his hands for that purpose; the letter contains a receipt of the payment of this sum.

No. 6, Is a letter from four members of the church-council of St. Peter's congregation in Shamokin, Northumberland county, in which they complain of the conduct of Rev. G. Schulze, in that he wished to introduce himself into the congregation, without the consent of the same and the pastor. This letter refers to others intended for the action of the Synod.

No. 7, Is a letter from Rev. Hemping, in which he excuses his absence from Synod, on account of sickness. He transmits $2,00 for the Synodical, $8,00 for the Missionary treasury, and $1,00 as a member of the Missionary Society. The letter contains also his parochial report.

Resolved, In reference to No. 3, that the brethren have the privilege to examine the catalogue at their leisure.

Resolved, In reference to No. 4, that Rev. Stecher be excused.

Resolved, In reference to No. 5, that Synod has nothing more to do in the matter.

The subject presented in No. 6, has already been disposed of: see No. 1.

Resolved, In reference to No 7, that the Rev. Hemping be excused.

The Secretary stated to the Synod, that he had just received a letter from the Rev. Dr. Ernst, excusing his absence from the Synod on account of sickness. He states also, that he has reäccepted of the congregation at Lebanon, when it was

Resolved, That Rev. Dr. Ernst be excused.

REPORT OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE.

The report of the third committee was again read and considered.

No. 8, Is a letter from a part of the congregation of

Zion's church, desiring that the Rev. C. Neuman be permitted to preach and perform other ministerial acts in the congregation; they also ask the advice of the Synod in their present difficulties. This matter has already been disposed of: see No. 1.

No. 9, Is a letter from the Rev. C. P. Miller, in which he assigns sickness in his congregation as the cause of his absence from the Synod. He transmits his parochial report, with $10,00 for the Missionary, and $3,00 for the Synodical treasuries.

Resolved, That Rev. C. P. Miller be excused.

No. 10, A letter from the German Ev. Luth. congregation in Boston, in which they inform the Synod of the appointment of Mr. C. Dornbach as delegate, to present their present state to the consideration and action of this body. The committee propose that this letter be read.

Resolved, That the proposal be accepted.

After the letter was read, an opportunity was given to Mr. Dornbach to propose for the consideration of the Synod the state of the congregation at Boston, when it was

Resolved, That the consideration of the subject be postponed for the present.

No. 11, A letter from the church-councils of the seven congregations of Rev. C. Neuman, in which they give a favorable testimony of, and wish to continue, him as their pastor. They ask for a renewal of his license.

The Synod heard with pleasure of the favorable testimony borne to the character of Rev. C. Neuman by his parishioners, and

Resolved, That the consideration of their request be transferred to the Ministerium.

No. 12, A letter from our worthy senior, Rev. W. Bætis, in which he assigns the infirmities of age as the cause of his absence, reports his ministerial acts, wishes that the blessing of the Lord may rest upon the Synod in the transaction of its business, and contributes $8,55 to the Synodical treasury

Resolved, That the Rev. Senior Bætis be excused, and that we reciprocate the wish of our worthy Senior.

No. 13, A letter from Rev. Strein, in which he excuses himself on account of affliction in his family, reports his

ministerial acts, and transmits $7,00 for the Missionary and $3,00 for the Synodical treasuries.

Resolved, That Rev. Strein be excused.

No. 14, A letter from two individuals, appointed by two congregations in Rippenose Valley, Lycoming county, in which they request the Synod to send them a pastor, who, associated with their present pastor in the German language, (Mr. Schulze) will officiate in the English language.

Resolved, That the letter be read.—After the reading of which it was

Resolved, That any of the brethren have the privilege to visit these congregations, and preach for them with the consent of Rev. Schulze.

REPORT OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE.

The fourth committee presented its report, which was accepted and considered.

No. 15, Is an excuse from Rev. F. W. Geissenhainer, as also a report of his ministerial acts. The letter contains important information concerning the Lutherans, lately of Norway, who have settled in Millwaukie. Your committee propose that the letter be read.

Resolved, That the letter of F. W. Geissenhainer be read before Synod. The letter was accordingly read.—The Synod regrets that it cannot act upon this matter.

Resolved, That the excuse of Rev. F. W. Geissenhainer be accepted.

No. 16, Is a letter from Rev. G. Minnig, in which he assigns the multiplicity of pastoral duties as the cause of his absence. He transmits his parochial report, and implores the blessing of God upon the Synod.

Resolved, That Rev. Minnig be excused.

No. 17, Is a letter from Rev. J. P. Schindel, jr. in which he requests a dismissal from this body, desiring to unite with the West Pennsylvania Synod, inasmuch as his congregations are all west of the Susquehanna, and the great distance prevents his attendance at Synod.

Resolved, That the request of Rev. Schindel be granted.

No. 18, Is a letter signed by eighty members of Zion's congregation, in Augusta township, Northumberland county, in which they state, that Rev. J. P. Schindel, sen. would

still continue among them, and request the Synod not to attend to the complaints of the discontented, as they hope that peace, by the blessing of God, will soon be restored among them. This matter is disposed of: see No. 1.

No. 19, Is a letter from the Harmony congregation addressed to Rev. C. F. Stœver, signed by a number of the members of said congregation. This letter being of a private character, the Synod did not act upon the matter proposed in it.

No. 20, Is the minutes of the special conference of the first district, held at Germantown, in Rev. Richard's church, on May 1st, 1844. The committee recommend these minutes to the attention and consideration of the Synod.

Resolved, That these minutes be read; when it was

Resolved, That the consideration of them be deferred for the present.

No. 21, Is a letter from Rev. Abele. He informs the Synod of some vacant congregations in Clearfield, Indiana, Jefferson and Armstrong counties, which earnestly ask for the services of a Lutheran preacher; that he has changed his place of residence, requests the Secretary to direct the minutes of the Synod to Pinegrove Mills, Centre county, implores the blessing of God upon the Synod, and asks that his absence may be excused.

Resolved, That Rev. Abele be excused and his request granted.

Rev. Dr. Demme made a verbal report concerning the Liturgies; when it was

Resolved, That the $50 in the hands of Rev. Dr. Demme be expended in having as many Liturgies bound as possible, and the purchase of a trunk in which to keep them.

The President stated that a request had been made to him for support from the legacies, and asked counsel in this matter. It was

Resolved, To commit the whole matter into the hands of the President.

Rev. Mealy was appointed to answer the letter of Rev. Dr. Hazelius, referred to in No. 3, a.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Schæffer, in the English language. Dr. Baker preached at night in the English language, from Eph. 5: 1.

Third Session.

Tuesday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

According to chap. 9, sec. 18, P. N. the members of the Synod assembled at 8 o'clock in the church, for the purpose of delivering their parochial reports to the Secretary, and their contributions for the Synod and Missions to the Treasurer.

At 9 o'clock the regular business of the Synod was introduced with singing and prayer by Rev. Merz. The minutes of the second session were read and approved.

The minutes of the German Reformed Synod having been received, the President appointed Rev. Kohler to examine and report upon them.

The minutes of the Ev. Luth. Synod of Virginia having been received, the President appointed Rev. C. F. Stœver to examine and report upon them.

REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE.

The fifth committee, appointed to examine the minutes of the Synods of North and South Carolina, have the honor to report, That they do not find any thing having particular reference to this body. The officers of the Synod of South Carolina are Rev. Dr. J. Bachman, President; Rev. Wm. Berly, Secretary; Col. Wm. Caughman, Treasurer. The officers of the Synod of North Carolina are Rev. Wm. Artz, President; Rev. Wm. Harter, Secretary; Col. John Schimpock, Treasurer.

Resolved, That this report be accepted.

The first committee, appointed to examine the minutes of particular Synods, report,

First. On the minutes of the seventh Synod of the Eastern district of Ohio, convened A. D. 1843. The President of this Synod, in his annual report, notices very favorably the resolutions of our body relative to the Theological Seminary at Columbus. There are seventy-five congregations connected with this Synod, the pastors of which report 1266 baptized, 617 confirmed, 8703 communed, 278 buried, 34 Sunday schools and 11 week-day schools. The officers of this body are Rev. C. G. Schweizerbarth, Pre-

sident; Rev. D. ROTHACKER, Secretary; Rev. H. C. MELSHEIMER, Treasurer.

Second. On the minutes of the Synod of West Pennsylvania, convened A. D. 1843. These minutes do not contain any thing having especial reference to this body.—The officers are Rev. H. A. LOCHMAN, President; Rev. J. ALBERT, Secretaty; WM. GERMAN, Treasurer. There are one hundred and six congregations connected with this Synod, the pastors of which report 1886 baptized, 1580 confirmed, 10,867 communed, 378 buried, 92 Sunday schools. The Rev. Eggers was appointed to represent this body in our present convention.

Resolved, That this report be accepted.

Report of the second committee on the minutes of Synod:

First. On the Ev. Luth. Synod of the West, convened A. D. 1843. The officers are Rev. H. B. LITTEL, President; Rev. F. B. OLMSTEAD, Secretary; Rev. J. J. LEHMANOWSKY, Treasurer. According to a resolution this Synod was divided into three branches, as follows: 1, the Synod of the West; 2d, the Synod of Illinois, (including Missouri;) 3, the Synod of Cincinnati, (embracing the states of Kentucky, Tennessee and a part of Ohio.)

Second. On the Western District Synod of Ohio, convened A. D. 1843. The officers are Rev. A. HENKEL, President; Rev. H. HEINCKE, Secretary; Rev. J. HOFFMAN, Treasurer. This body notices with pleasure the resolutions of our Synod which refer to the Theological Seminary at Columbus.

Resolved, That this report be accepted.

The Rev. J. Medtart now directed the attention of the Synod to the minutes of the special conference of the first district, and read before Synod a particular resolution passed by this conference. The subject proposed, being considered, it was

Resolved, That the Synod regard it as the duty of every minister regularly to attend these conferences; or when impossible, to transmit a written excuse.

The third committee on Synods reported the following, viz.

First. The Synod of New-York held its forty-eighth convention, A. D. 1843. The officers are Rev. H. N. Pohlman, President; Rev. J. C. Duy, Secretary; Rev. N. W. Gortner, Treasurer. Our delegate was present at the last convention of this body, and was very cordially received. Rev. Wetzel was appointed to represent this body in our present convention.

Second. The minutes of our last annual Synod contain no unfinished business.

Resolved, That this report be accepted.

The committee to whom the communications from St. Peter's, St. Jacob's and other congregations were referred, have the honor to report:

No. 1, Is a letter from St. Peter's and Jacob's congregations, Northumberland county, written by Messrs. Hartman and Knœbel, at the request of the builder of their church and many members of the congregation, in which it is stated, that they will no longer recognise Rev. Schindel as their pastor, on account of his having dissolved his connection with this body, and introduced the use of the "anxious bench" and its connected novelties, which necessarily produces error in doctrine and practice into the congregation. Moreover, it states, that since an invitation extended to Rev. Eyer has not been accepted, they are prepared to accept of, and support, any other pastor in connection with our body.

Resolved, That the Synod hear with approbation and gratification of the adherence of the said members to the doctrines and practices of our church and Synod, with which they have so long been connected, and that it encourage them to persevere in this adherence with a christian spirit.

No. 2, Is a letter from a committee consisting of twelve members of Zion's congregation, Northumberland county, in which it is stated, that sixty-seven male members have withdrawn from the pastoral supervision of Rev. J. P. Schindel, sen., and elected two elders and three deacons. They enquire, whether it is allowable for the preacher whom they may call, to preach in the school-house, until they again peaceably procure possession of the church.

Resolved, The Synod exhorts this congregation to aim at the possession, and to attempt the recovery of their church,

in a christian-like manner; and in the mean time to hold divine services in the said school-house, under the direction of a preacher of our Synod.

No. 3, A letter from both the congregations mentioned in No. 1, 1844, asking the coöperation of the Synod in the formation of a new pastoral district, and expressing the wish to have Rev. Schulze as pastor.

Resolved, That the Synod, on this point, hereby express the wish that the neighboring preachers and congregations of our Synod may labor harmoniously with one another.

No. 4, A letter from four church-councils, viz. Zion's, Peter's, Jacob's and Sunbury, in which, as they say, they ask for a dismissal from our Synod.

No. 5, A letter from the church-councils of St. Peter's and Jacob's congregations, imploring Synod to send no ministers into their congregations, inasmuch as they are provided.

No. 6, A letter from the church-council of St. Peter's congregation, complaining of the Rev. G. Schulze's intermeddling with their church matters, and stating that he had appointed to administer the Holy Supper of the Lord on the Sunday after Trinity.

No. 7, A communication from Zion's congregation, Northumberland county, signed by eighty members, in which it is stated, that they do not wish any other preacher than Rev. Schindel.

In reference to Nos. 4, 5, 6, and 7 it was

Resolved, That the Synod does not deem it advisable further to address such as have forsaken the doctrines and practices of our church.

The report in the above form was adopted.

After prayer by Rev. G. A Reichart, Synod adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock, P. M. In the mean time the Missionary Society held a business session.

Fourth Session.

Tuesday, 4 o'clock, P. M.

Was opened with singing and prayer by Rev. Peixoto. The minutes of preceding session were read and approved.

The Rev: D. Weiser, delegate of the German Reformed Synod, appeared and was cordially admitted to a seat as an advisory member.

The committee appointed to audit the President's account, beg leave to report, That they have found it to be correct.

W. J. Eyer,
D. Kohler.

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's account have the honor to report, That they have examined and found it to be correct, and submit the following:

Synodical Treasury.		Missionary Treasury.	
Receipts	$385 06	Receipts	$1854 65½
Expenditures	301 12	Expenditures	1612 05½
Balance	$83 94		$242 60

Balance in both Treasuries, $326 54

J. Rœller,
F. A. M. Keller.

Report of the sixth committee on the minutes of Synod:

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of the German Reformed Synod, report, That this body convened in October last, at Winchester, Virginia; that the resolution passed by this body, having in view the discontinuance of the friendly intercourse existing between us, was reconsidered and retracted, and that this body resolved to send two delegates to our Synod, instructed to negotiate with our Synod concerning our future correspondence with them; that our delegate excused himself on account of his inability to represent us in that body by letter, in which he expresses the wish that the friendly intercourse existing between the two bodies may continue; also, that the said Synod has appointed two delegates to our Synod, viz: Rev. J. C. Bucher and Daniel Weiser as *Primarii*, and Rev. J. Rebough and Samuel Helfenstein, D. D. as Secundi. The report was accepted.

Rev. D. Weiser, delegate of the German Reformed Synod, now arose and explained to the Synod, how the misunderstanding, which led to the discontinuance of the usual correspondence, took place; and stated that the body which

he represented entertained a high regard for our Synod, and wished to enter into a more intimate relation with it.

Resolved, That the Synod is satisfied with the explanation just given, and that we will cordially coöperate with our sister Synod in the establishment and promotion of this friendly intercourse. Further, it was

Resolved, That Rev. G. A. Reichart, C. W. Schæffer and J. Hæsbert, constitute a committee to confer with the Rev. Weiser, (agreeably to his proposal) concerning the plan of future correspondence, and report thereon before our Synod.

Report of the fourth committee on the minutes of Synods, by Rev. Medtart.

First. On the minutes of the Maryland Synod. This body convened at Westminster, Maryland, October 1843. It is composed of thirty ministers. The officers are Rev. E. Keller, President; Rev. S. Sentman, Secretary; Rev. J. P. Kline, Treasurer. We do not find any thing having particular reference to our body, except the following remark: that our Synod had received their minutes, but the committee had made no report upon them. Your committee would here remark, that the minutes of this Synod were submitted to it for examination and report, and the cause of its not having presented a report does not originate in a disregard for our sister Synod, but in the fact that the only copy of the minutes in the possession of the Synod, was mislaid and could not be found.

Second. On the minutes of the Allegheny Synod. This body convened in 1843, in Indiana Co. Penn. It is composed of fifteen ministers. The officers are Rev. J. Martin, President; Rev. P. Riger, Secretary; and Rev. A. Bobb, Treasurer. Although this Synod has been lately organized, yet it appears to be actively engaged in the support of all the operations whose object is the extension of Christ's kingdom.

Resolved, That this report be accepted.

Report of the seventh committee on the minutes of Synods:

On the minutes of the Synod of Virginia. This body convened May 1843, at Woodstock, and consists of eighteen

ministers. The officers are Rev. L. EICHELBERGER, President; Rev. S. WAGNER, Secretary; Rev. J. MILLER, Treasurer. They report 37 congregations, 248 baptised, 294 confirmed, 1915 communed, 16 Sabbath schools, 37 prayer meetings, 17 temperance societies. This body is actively and zealously engaged in the support of the institutions of the church.

Resolved, That this report be accepted.

The deferred No. 10, in the report of the third committee, concerning the congregation at Boston, Mass., was now considered, when it was

Resolved, That the Ev. Luth. congregation at Boston, be received into our connection, after they apply for, and obtain a dismissal from the New York ministerium. The further consideration of this matter was deferred for the present.

The Rev. J. P. Hecht communicated to the Synod, the death of Rev. J. PROBST, of Northampton county, when it was

Resolved, That the Synod cordially sympathize with the bereaved family of the late Brother Probst, and earnestly desire that the congregations of our late coworker may be supplied with another faithful servant, who will instruct them in the way of life.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate the above resolution to the family of the deceased.

A short ministerial session was now held, (see the first session of the Ministerium,) after which the Synod resumed its regular business; when it was

Resolved, That Mr. Simon Menzer of New-Holland, deputy of Rev. J. C. Barnitz, be received as a full member of Synod.

The "Lutherischen Kirchenzeitung."

Rev. F. Schmidt, the Editor of the "Lutherischen Kirchenzeitung," stated to the Synod the condition of this paper, and that it was his intention to resign the editorship of it. Much was spoken on this subject during the remaining sessions of the Synod. Believing that it would be more acceptable to the Synod, and more intelligible to the congregations, we present at one view all that was transacted by

the Synod in reference to the "Kirchenzeitung," during this and the subsequent sessions of the Synod. After the Synod heard the statements and resignation of Rev. F. Schmidt, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to devise ways and means for the continuance of the "Kirchenzeitung." The President appointed Rev. J. P. Hecht, G. A. Reichart, C. F. Stohlman, and Messrs. John Bachman and J. B. Missimer. The committee presented their report.

The President was requested to ask the deputies to express their opinions upon this question, whether the congregations would be favorable to such action of the Synod as would make the "Kirchenzeitung" the property of the Synod. The deputies, agreeably to the request, stated their views to the Synod, and thought that the congregations would approve of the measure.

The above report, after a long discussion, was adopted by the Synod in the following form:

Resolved, 1. That the Synod offer the Rev. Professor Schmidt, for the transfer of his right to the "Kirchenzeitung," and the subscription list, to this body, on the first of October, 1844, the sum of one thousand dollars.

The Rev. Professor expressed his satisfaction with this resolution; when it was

Resolved, 2. That the Synod obligate itself to collect one thousand dollars, at least within six months.

Resolved, 3. That to secure this end, every minister, together with his church-council and congregation, consider himself under obligations zealously to coöperate in recommending the "Kirchenzeitung," and in procuring contributions and subscribers thereto.

Resolved, 4. That the "Kirchenzeitung" shall in future be published under the superintendence of a committee appointed by the Synod, which shall annually report its condition to the Synod.

Resolved, 5. That the Secretary read the names of the members of the Synod, and each one state what sum he will obligate himself to pay for the support of the "Kirchenzeitung." The following was the result:*

* Many members of the Synod had left before this proposal was made to Synod.

Rev. J. P. Hecht and J. Bachman,	$20	Rev. G. A. Reichart,	$10
Rev. J. Miller, D. D.	25	" G. Jæger,	5
" C. Miller,*	25	" W. B. Kæmmerer,	10
" C. R. Demme,	20	" J. Rœller,	10
" E. Peixoto,	10	" G. Schulze,	3
" C. F. Welden,	10	" C. W. Schæffer,	5
" D. Kohler,	15	" W. G. Minnig,	5
" A. T. Geissenhainer,	10	" G. Brandan,	5
" A. Gockelen,	2	" S. Mealy,	5
" C. Friedrich,	5	" C. Georgii,	4
" F. A. M. Keller,	5	" A. Bauer,	4
" C. Neuman,	2	" G. A. Wenzel,	5
" A. Biewend,	5	" A. Wetzel,	5
" C. F. Stohlman,	15	" G. Merz,	3
Del. J. B. Missimer,	3		79
" J. Rommel,	10	Brought over,	192
" J. Mueller,	10	Total,	$271

Resolved, 6. That the committee consisting of Rev. Hecht, Reichart, Stohlman, and Messrs. Bachman and Missimer, be, and hereby are instructed by Synod to have copies of the subscription list printed, and to transmit a copy to the ministers of the Synod and other members of our church; and that a list of the subscribers, together with the moneys collected, be transmitted until the 1st of Sept. A. D. 1844, to the treasurer of Synod, who shall disburse the same, according to the order of the President.

Resolved, 7. That the cordial thanks of the Synod be tendered to brother Schmidt for his unwearied labor, and that he be requested to assist the new editor in word and deed.

The President appointed the Rev. C. R. Demme, G. A. Reichart and J. W. Richards as a committee to superintend the issue of the "Kirchenzeitung."

The President also appointed Rev. C. R. Demme, G. A. Reichart and D. Kohler as a committee to take charge of the "Kirchenzeitung" and the subscription list. This committee is authorized to employ a business man, who shall examine the subscription list under their superintendence.

Resolved, That the committee on publication of the

* Not certain whether this should be $15, only.

"Kirchenzeitung," in the selection of an editor, among others, regard the name of Rev. Spielman, of Ohio.

Resolved, That our Treasurer immediately pay to the present editor of the "Kerchenzeitung," the sum of two hundred dollars, which sum shall be deducted from the one thousand dollars mentioned in first resolution.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Minnig.

The Missionary Society held its anniversary this evening.

Fifth Session.

Wednesday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Was opened with prayer by Rev. C. F. Stohlman, after a hymn was sung.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

The deputy of Rev. Kohler obtained leave of absence.

Rev. Herman, jun. of the German Reformed Synod, and pastor of the congregation at Pottstown, was admitted to a seat as an advisory member.

The unfinished business of the Ev. Luth. congregation at Boston, was now considered and finally disposed of.

Resolved, That the delegate of this congregation be directed to the brethren in our connection, in his effort to obtain a minister.

Resolved, That the request for support from this congregation be wholly submitted to the President, and that the interests of the congregation at Boston be recommended to our congregations.

Rev. Medtart and his delegate obtained leave of absence.

The greater part of this session was occupied with the business relating to the "Kirchenzeitung," whose result is already presented; hence so little appears upon the minutes of this session.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Schulze.

Sixth Session.

Wednesday, 3 o'clock, P. M.

(The Missionary Society held a session for about one hour and a half.)

Was opened with singing and prayer by Rev. Schmidt.

The Seminary at Columbus, together with all the letters referring thereto, now became the order of business.

Rev. Schmidt reported on the state of the Seminary, and Rev. J. Miller, D. D. read a letter which he had received from Columbus. These brethren were a part of the Directors of this institution appointed by our Synod at its last annual convention. A resolution presented at this stage of business will appear in the minutes of the next session, in order that the transaction of the Synod on this matter may remain in connection. After the adoption of the resolution, a ministerial session for the transaction of important business was held. (See second Ministerial session.)

Rev. Brandan obtained leave of absence.

Adjourned with prayer.

Rev. Hæsbert preached in the evening in the German language. Immediately after the sermon the solemn exercises of ordination and the induction of the proposed candidates took place. Candidates August Bauer and F. A. M. Keller were solemnly set apart to the office of reconciliation, by prayer and the imposition of hands of the Rev. President and Secretary, assisted by Rev. G. A. Reichart, and recognised as pastors of the Synod. After which, the applicants, Messrs. N. Jæger, Peter L. Oberfeld, J. C. Schmidt and Augustus Bergner, presented themselves before the altar; who, after having heard the duties obligatory upon them, and made a sacred promise of fidelity thereto, were inducted, agreeably to the prescribed form, into the office of the sacred ministry, as candidates for one year, through prayer and the blessing of the brethren. The great Bishop of his flock indelibly impress upon the minds of the young brethren, the infinitely important step taken, and the sacred promise made, for the honor of which they are responsible to man and finally to God! And may we

all, their elder brethren, remember that we also are the responsible stewards of the same Lord and Judge!

In conclusion, the thanks of the Synod were returned to the congregation, for the great love and the cordial kindness which they extended to the members of the Synod, during their sojourn among them. The Lord bless them and keep them: the Lord make his face to shine on them, and be gracious unto them; the Lord lift up his countenance on them, and give them peace. Amen.

Seventh Session.

Thursday, 7 o'clock, A. M.

Was opened with singing and prayer by Rev. Bauer.

The subject of the Seminary at Columbus was now made the order of business.

Resolved, (Wednesday, P. M.) that we proceed to the appointment of directors for the Seminary at Columbus; also, that the brethren appointed be our delegates to the General Synod of Ohio, and be authorized to make such communications to this body as they shall be charged with.

According to this resolution, the Rev. S. A. Mealy, J, Hæsbert, E. Peixoto, and Mr. J. Deininger, were appointed; who also are instructed to represent us at the next convention of the General Synod of Ohio.

Resolved, That the directors and delegates just now appointed, be charged with the following instructions:

1. To see that the institution is managed and conducted agreeably to the constitution.

2. To solicit the privilege for our directors, in the special meetings of the directors, to vote by letter.

3. When assured of the above, to promise the desired support for the salary of the Professor, in the name of our Synod.

4. To make a proposal for the removal of the seminary to a more desirable place.

5. To endeavor to give more certainty as well as greater extent to the institution.

6. To communicate to the brethren in Ohio our plan in reference to the "Kirchenzeitung," and to ask their active coöperation in it.

Many of the brethren now obtained leave of absence, and others left without permission.

Adjourned, after prayer by Rev. Kohler.

Eighth Session.

Thursday, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Was opened with singing and prayer by Rev. Weiser, the delegate of the German Reformed Synod. The committee appointed to confer with the Rev. Weiser concerning the plan of our future intercourse with the German Reformed Synod, report; That the character of the bodies desiring correspondence is such as to make the exchange of delegates, harmonizing with our ministerial constitution, between these two bodies, in future, both becoming and desirable; moreover your committee report that each Synod should be reciprocally represented in the annual conventions of the other, as heretofore by our delegate.

Resolved, That this report be accepted.

The President appointed the following brethren as the examining committee for the present year, viz. Rev. C. R. Demme, D. D., J. Hæsbert, F. Schmidt, E. Peixoto and C. Miller.

Resolved, That the usual number of copies of our minutes, viz. 800 in the German and 500 in the English language, be printed.

Resolved, That Rev. F. A. M. Keller be authorized to translate the minutes into the English language.

Resolved, That the usual number of copies be addressed to all the Synods with which we correspond, and as usual, to the Lutheran Theological Seminaries.

The President appointed the following delegates to represent this body in the following Synods: In the Synod of New York, Rev. H. S. Miller, primarius, and J. W Richards, secundus: in the German Ref. Synod, Rev Joshua Jæger, primarius, and Rev. B. German, secundus: in the Luth. Synod of West Pennsylvania, Rev. J. C. Baker, D. D.

The Synod now proceeded to the election of the place where, and the time when, the next annual convention of this body should be held, which resulted in the choice of

Reading, as the place, and Trinity Sunday as the time of the next convention.

After the President had dismissed the lay delegates, the Synodical Sessions were closed.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MINISTERIUM.

The First Session.

Tuesday, P. M.

After the opening of the session, it was

Resolved, That Rev. C. Barnitz, who has received his dismissal from the Ev. Luth. Synod of West Penn. be received as a member of this body.

Resolved, That Rev. Adolphus Biewend, of the city of Washington, D. C. be also received as a member of this body.

Resolved, That Mr. W. B. Rally, lately of the Ev. Luth. Synod of Maryland, receive a candidate's license for one year.

Rev. J. C. Baker, D. D. obtained leave of absence for tomorrow morning, on account of pressing circumstances.

The Ministerium adjourned.

The Second Session.

Wednesday, 5½ o'clock, P. M.

The report of the Examining committee was now received and considered.

The Examining committee has the honor to report, That they have carefully examined the applicants in the different branches of Theology, and are so far satisfied that they propose the applicants in the following order for admission into the ministerium.

1. Nathan Jæger, 2. Peter L. Oberfeld, 3. J. L. Schmidt, 4. August Bergner.

C. R. Demme, J. Hæsbært,
C. Miller, F. Schmidt.
E. Peixoto,

Resolved, That the said applicants receive candidate's license for one year.

The committee to whom were submitted the sermons and journals of the candidates report favorably.

Resolved, That the ceremonies of ordination take place this evening.

Resolved, That August Bauer and F. A. M. Keller be ordained this evening.

Resolved, That the licenses of C. Erle, G. A. Wenzel and C. Neuman, be renewed for one year.

The Rev. John B. Friehe, a member of the German Reformed Synod, asked to be received as a member of this body.

Resolved, That the Rev G. Jæger and C. F. Welden be a committee to confer with him and to report the result of their conference.

After prayer by Rev. Schulze the ministerium adjourned.

The Third and last Session.

Thursday, 5 o'clock, P. M.

After the opening of this session, Candidate Rally presented a letter expressing his desire to labor as preacher, with the consent of the Synod, among the German population in Kensington, and the vicinity of Philadelphia. There being no objection to this proposal, it was

Resolved, That Candidate Rally address himself to the executive committee of the Missionary Society, that he may learn what can be done for the attainment of his object.

The committee appointed to confer with, and examine the proposal of Rev. Friehe, report, That his testimonials presented to us, are satisfactory as to his doctrine and life. Your committee believe that he can accomplish much good in the church of Christ; but that we cannot recommend him for admission into our church, or Synod, until he has received, and can exhibit evidence of, his dismission from the Synod of the German Reformed Church.

Resolved, That this report be accepted.

Now came the hour of separation; perhaps a final separation! Shall we thus meet again on earth? Who, before the next convention of Synod, shall have completed his labors on earth, and entered upon the enjoyment of rest in heaven? Deeply impressed by such reflections, with strong confidence and firm faith in the unchangeable love and wisdom of their reconciled Father, in Jesus Christ, the brethren united in a song of praise, and in prayer by the President, imploring God's blessing upon Synod, the congregations, christendom, the world; and then separated, perhaps not to meet on earth, but, we hope, to meet forever in the mansions of God. Our Heavenly Father grant this, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

That the above are the proceedings of the Synodical and Ministerial sessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, convened at Pottstown, Penn. during Trinity week, A. D. 1844, is testified by

J. W. RICHARDS,
Secretary of the Ministerium.

MINUTES

OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE GERMAN EV. LUTHERAN SYNOD OF PENNSYLVANIA AND ADJACENT STATES,

Convened at Pottstown, Montgomery County, Pa. from the 1st to the 6th of June, 1844.

The members of the Missionary society convened on the morning of the 1st of June, at 10 o'clock, in the Evan. Luth. church at Pottstown. The meeting was opened with singing and prayer by the Vice-president, Rev. J. Hæsbert.

Notice was given that agreeably to the constitution, an election of officers for the ensuing year must now be held; when upon motion of Rev. Peixoto, it was

Resolved, That the officers of the previous year be re-elected, viz:

Rev. Wm. Bætis, Sen. Min. President,
" J. C. Hæsbert, Vice-president,
" F. Schmidt, Secretary,
" C. R. Demme, D. D. Cor. Secretary,
" J. C. Baker, D. D. Treasurer.

Directors: Rev. H. S. Miller, G. A. Reichart, C. F. Stohlman, C. Schæffer, S. A. Mealy and J. Strein, and Messrs. A. Muhlenberg, jr. Heinitch, Hager, G. Mueller, Duck and Keller.

Executive Committee: Rev. Wm. Bætis, J. C. Hæsbert, F. Schmidt, C. R. Demme, D. D., J. C. Baker, D. D., J. Strein, and Messrs. Hager and Heinitch.

In the absence of the President, the Vice-president took the chair. In the absence of the Secretary, Rev. G. Jæger was appointed Secretary pro. tem. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read by Dr. Baker.

On motion of Rev. Hæsbert. Rev. Biewend, pastor of the Ev. Luth. congregation at Washington, D. C. was received as an advisory member.

On motion of Rev. Peixoto, it was

Resolved, That the corresponding secretary of our Missionary society, be requested to have our minutes inserted in the Basel missionary paper.

Resolved, That each minister state particularly, how much he has collected in each congregation for the treasury of the Missionary society.

Dr. Baker submitted the following letters for the action of the Synod:

1, From Candidate Ludwig Richter, Cleveland, O.
2, From Rev. Muelsen, Indiana.
3, From " Bartels, Zanesville, Ohio.
4, From " Daniel Sheerer, Mt. Carmel, Ill.
5, From " J. Krack, Madison, Indiana.

Resolved, That these letters be given to the following committee, viz. Rev. Peixoto, Eyer and G. A. Reichart, for consideration and report.

Concerning the application of brother Brandan of Chambersburg, for support, it was

Resolved, That this be transferred to the President of the Synod.

Resolved, That we now adjourn to meet on Tuesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Tuesday, 2 o'clock, P. M.

This session was opened with prayer by Rev. A. Wetzel, delegate of the New York Ministerium. The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

The Rev. F. Schmidt now read the annual report of the Executive committee, which was considered and adopted, without any alterations.

Resolved, That the Secretary read the annual report of the Executive committee in the German, and the Rev. C. W. Schæffer in the English language, this evening, at the anniversary.

Rev. J. W. Richards read a letter from Rev. Pohlman, the former delegate of the Ev. Luth. Foreign Missionary society; after which the committee instructed to attend and confer with this society reported, That they designed to be present at the meeting of the Ev. Luth. Foreign Missionary society, but could not fulfil their intention, as they were not informed of the place where, or the time when, the said society would meet. The report was accepted.

The first committee, to which various letters were submitted, now obtained permission to report.

THE REPORT OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE.

Your committee have the honor to report the following, on the letters given to them for examination:

No. 1, Is a letter from candidate L. Richter, of Cleveland, Ohio, a member of the Synod of Michigan, who solicits aid from us.

No. 2, Is a letter of same character from Rev. Daniel Scherer, of Mt. Carmel, Illinois.

No. 3, A letter from Rev. J. Krack, member of the Synod of the West, of Madison county, Ind. also soliciting assistance from us.

On these three letters, your committee have to report, That we are limited in our abilities by the present state of our treasury, and our obligations to those itinerants sent out by our society, so that we are not able to extend aid to any beyond our sphere of missionary labors.

No. 4, A letter from Rev. Nuelsen, at present a member of the Synod of the West, in which he alludes to the many unpleasant circumstances he has had in his congregations.

Your committee hereby express its sympathy for the brother, on account of his difficulties, but more on account of the way in which he seeks help, and requests the Missionary society to advise him in future to address himself, as a member of the Synod of the West, to this last body.

No. 5, Is a letter of our missionary, G. Bartels, of Zanesville, in which he informs the society that he has left his former congregation at Dayton, and has accepted of a call from the German Ev. Luth. congregation at Zanesville, and refers to the 100 dollars received from our society.

Since your committee has evidence that this brother made the above change for his own, but much more for the benefit of the church, it offers the following resolution:

Resolved, That we cordially approve of all that our treasurer, Rev. Dr. Baker, has done with the view to the further support of Dr. Bartels, as well as the motives which induced him to accept of the call to the Zanesville congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Peixoto,
G. A. Reichart,
W. J. Eyer.

The report was adopted, and it was further

Resolved, That should Brother Bartels in future apply for aid, his application be commended to the action of the Executive committee.

The Secretary presented various letters, which were submitted to the second committee, consisting of the Rev. C. Miller, A. Wetzel and A. Biewend.

The Corresponding Secretary now reported, and read a letter from Rev. Prof. Hazelius, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary society of the Ev. Luth. Synod of South Carolina.

Resolved, That we heartily thank the Missionary society of the Ev. Luth. Synod of South Carolina, for the efficient aid extended to our Mission, and earnestly request their future coöperation in the extension of the gospel among the heathen.

Resolved, That Rev. Dr. Baker be authorized to answer this letter of the Corresponding Sec. of the Missionary society of the Synod of South Carolina, in the name of

the Synod, and to assure this body of our high regard and love.

The Corresponding Secretary read the following letter:

Philadelphia, June 1st, 1844.

REV. DR. C. R. DEMME,

WORTHY SIR:

I herewith transmit to you the sum of two hundred dollars, which the Missionary, Tract and Book society, and the Sunday school Missionary society, of the Ev. Luth. congregation of St. John contribute for the promotion of the cause of Foreign missions in East India, viz:

The Missionary, Tract and Book society,	$125 00
The Sunday school Missionary society,	75 00
Total,	$200 00

Have the kindness to give these two hundred dollars to the Rev. Dr. Baker, Treasurer of the Foreign Missionary society of the Ev. Luth. Synod of Pennsylvania.

With much esteem, your friend,

CHARLES SCHÆFFER,

Treasurer.

Resolved, That we hereby return our most hearty thanks to the congregation of St. John in Philadelphia, for this christian gift, and request the Rev. Dr. Baker to inform the members of the Missionary, Tract and Book society, as well as the Sunday school Missionary society, of the gratitude of this body, by letter.

Resolved, That our Corresponding Secretary be authorized to inquire of the Inspector Hoffman, at Basel, whether it is not desirable, that the Missionaries sent out by the Basel Missionary society and our body to East India, as Lutherans, enter into a closer relation.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Rev. Wyneken, of Fort Wayne, Ind.

Resolved, That the President and Corresponding Secretary constitute a committee to report thereupon.

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet to-morrow morning at half past 7 o'clock.

On Tuesday evening the Missionary society celebrated the eighth anniversary of their organization. The Vice-president of the society, Rev. J. Hæsbert, took the chair, and introduced the exercises by singing and prayer; after which the Secretary, Rev. F. Schmidt, read

THE ANNUAL REPORT

Of the Executive Committee of the Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania and adjacent States.

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Eight years have now passed away since the organization of the Missionary society of our Synod, and it is becoming, at the commencement of another year, in the first place, to bring our offerings of praise and thanks to Him who, as the God of peace, has continued harmony and peace among us, and blessed our humble efforts with his richest blessing. Our society does not make a surprisingly rapid progress, but yet advances with steady steps, as the friends of the society will learn from this brief report.

Our foreign missionary, Frederick Heyer, continues to labor at Guntoor, in East India, and during the past year has enjoyed good health. Few letters have reached us during the past year. It is very desirable that in future he should write both more regularly and minutely, that the interest in foreign missions may not suffer through want of information. The committee are of the opinion, that the wish of the society should be communicated to him by the Corresponding Secretary, that he transmit a copy of his journal every six weeks, so that we may constantly be advised of the progress of the mission: that this transmission should take place at least every three months, in case the first proposal be attended with too much expense. The date of the last letter reads Guntoor, Jan. 16, 1844. We learn from this letter that the schools are in a prosperous state; the number of schools, teachers and scholars is not mentioned. With this letter there was a draft of the mission house, the erection of which cost between 500 and 600 dollars. We have no statement, however, of the length, breadth, height, internal arrangement of the building, or of what material it is constructed. The letter, as well as a wood-cut impression of a front view of the mission house,

was given to the public in the last number of the Kirchenzeitung.

It is our unpleasant duty to state to the society, that the proposed union with the Ev. Luth. Foreign Missionary society of the General Synod, has not yet been ratified by the last named; although they have already, in the month of November last, sent out a missionary to our field of missionary labor.

In reference to the Domestic missionary operations, your committee state, that Rev. Jensen of Pittsburgh, Schmidt of Allegheny city, and Bartels of Dayton, have, during the past year, been receiving support from the funds of the society. We should yet extend our operations among the Germans of the west, and make every possible effort to provide our brethren in the faith with the preaching of the Gospel. A number of congregations have made application for assistance in the support of their respective pastors, whose petitions will be brought before the society for action in regular order. One of our earlier missionaries, Cand. Drude, of Quincy in the state of Illinois, has during the past year been called from his field of labor, to reap above what he here sowed.

The Lord be with us in future, and give us the ability, understanding and wisdom to prosecute his work with zeal and ardor; and may our zeal, always nourished by prayer and the word of promise, become more fervent, exciting us to more efficient and prayerful action.

JOHN HÆSBERT,
F. SCHMIDT,
J. C. BAKER.

After the reading of the report, Rev. Peixoto delivered an address on the subject of missions, in the German language. Rev. C. W. Schæffer also read the annual report and addressed the audience in the English language.

Both speakers urged, with great force and power, the general claims of the heathen world upon the christian church for support, basing their remarks upon the positive injunction of the Lord. A solemn stillness and deep attention reigned in the large congregation during the exercises. The seed of the word was bountifully strewed; the Lord give the increase thereto, that it may bring forth fruit

a thousand fold. O that our congregations may be largely imbued with the missionary spirit; for with every coming year more applications will be made to us from the west, and we should not, we cannot, refuse to extend the desired support to the applicants.

The large assembly was dismissed with the Old Testatament benediction.

Wednesday, 7½ o'clock, A. M.

The session was opened with singing and prayer by Rev. Schæffer. As the secretary was too unwell to attend the meeting of the society, Rev. J. W. Richards was appointed secretary pro tempore.

Rev. Stœver read a letter from Pulaski, Jackson township, Mich. in which the wish is expressed that we would send them a travelling-preacher, who can preach in both the German and English languages.

Resolved, That the request be recommended to the attention of the Executive committee.

THE REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

Was presented by Rev. A. Wetzel.

The second committee, to whose examination were given four letters intended for the action of the Missionary society, have the honor to present the following:

No. 1, Is a petition from the First German Ev. Luth. congregation in Allegheny city, Pa. asking the assistance of this society in the support of their pastor, Rev. Jacob Hœlsche, a member of the General Synod of Ohio.

No. 2, A petition from the First German Ev. Luth. congregation in Pittsburgh, Pa. gratefully notifying the society of the receipt of 50 dollars during the last year. The petition is accompanied with a favorable report of the spiritual condition of the congregation, and closes with the prayer, that assistance be extended to them from the Missionary treasury during the coming year, in the support of their pastor.

No. 3, Is a letter from Rev. S. C. H. Braasch, at Dillsburg, Indiana, asking assistance from the society, and referring to Prof. Schmidt and Rev. Hæsbert.

No. 4, Is a letter from Rev. F. Schmidt, at Ann Arbor, Mich. in which he states, that by reason of the energy of the Missionary society in the said state, a missionary has been sent to labor among the Indians; he requests the co-operation of our society in the evangelizing of the Indians, and mentions as a reason for the request, that the establishment of missions among the Indians is less expensive, and may be attended with more favorable results, than in East India. The committee propose that this letter be read.

C. Miller,
A. Biewend,
A. Wetzel.

The report was received and considered.

Resolved, That the request in No. 1 be commended to the attention of the Executive committee.

Resolved, That the request of the Pittsburgh congregation, (No. 2,) be recommended to the President of Synod.

Resolved, That the request in No. 3, owing to the low state of the treasury, can not be granted.

The letter of Rev. F. Schmidt, of Ann Arbor, Mich. was read, when it was

Resolved, That the Executive committee be authorized to transmit to the Missionary society of Michigan, the sum of 50 dollars, for Indian missions, provided the state of the treasury will bear it.

Resolved, That the Executive committee be directed to transmit the moneys for Brother Heyer in the usual way and manner, unless Brother Heyer give satisfactory reasons that a change should be introduced.

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet this afternoon, at half past 1 o'clock, after prayer.

Wednesday, 1½ o'clock, P. M.

In the absence of the chairman and secretary, Rev. J. W. Richards was called to the chair, and Rev. C. F. Stœver appointed secretary pro tem.

The session was opened with prayer by Rev. W. Minnig.

ACCOUNT

Of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania and adjacent States.

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's account, has the honor to report the following:

The receipts of the Missionary treasury, including the balance of last year,	$1854 65½
The expenditures,	1612 05½
Balance,	$242 60

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC RŒLLER,
F. A. M. KELLER.

Resolved, That this report be received and adopted.

The society was now engaged in the consideration of various matters, without however acting decidedly on them, and adjourned sine die.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The committee appointed to report on Rev. Wyneken's letter, presented no report.

That the above are the transactions of the society, is attested by the name of the subscriber.

FREDERICK SCHMIDT,
Secretary of the Missionary Society of the German Ev. Luth. Synod of Pennsylvania.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS, CONTAINING THE NUMBER OF CONGREGATIONS, &c. IN THE SYNOD OF PENNSYLVANIA, REPORTED A. D. 1844.

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	POST-OFFICE.	Congregat'ns.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Communed.	Buried.	Schools		Contributions.		
							Congreg'l.	Sunday.	Synodical.	Missions in general.	
Rev. J. P. Hecht	Easton, Pa.	1	192	117	328	36	1	1	8 00		
Dr. Jacob Miller	Reading	5	217	80	817	76	5	1	5 00		
Rev. D. Ulrich	Stouchsburg, Berks co.	6	140	91	1031	48	6	1	2 90	18 00	
Dr. W. G. Ernst	Lebanon	4	89	47	359	31	3	2	5 00	15 00	
Senior W. Bætis	Lancaster	1	49		220	22		1	4 00	4 55	
Rev. Meendsen	Kridersville										
Dr. J. C. Becker	Lancaster	1	85	38	864	55		2	10 00	94 39*	* Of this sum, $40,39 are designed for schools in India, under Heyer.
Rev. J. P. Hemping	Berryburg, Dauphin co.	7	130	75	534	29	4		2 00	3 00	
" G. Minnig, sen.	Bernville, Berks co.	5	98	38	309	41	4				
" J. J. Strein	Lancaster	4	64	13	216	25		2	3 00	7 00	
" F. W. Geissenhainer	New-York City	1	191	31	609	91	1	1			
" Conrad Miller	New-Hanover, Montg. co.	6	170	98	1400	44	6	3	10 00	10 00	
" H. Stecher	Hummelstown	3	58			26		4	4 00	4 41	
" S. Trumbauer	Lacock, Lancaster co.	4	97	42	416	28				19 21½	
" B. German,	Allentown	5	138	64	1213	47	5	1		9 13	
Dr. C. R. Demme Rev. G. A. Reichart	Philadelphia Philadelphia	1	353	79	1459	129	4	4	32 38	320 00†	† Of this sum, $160 are for foreign mission under Heyer.
" J. Stein	Jonestown, Lebanon co.	6									
" G. Jæger	Hamburg, Berks co.	8	169	98	1193	57	10	3	2 00	10 00	
" G. Abele	Pinegrove Mills, Centre co.										
" W. G. Eyer	Catawissa, Columbia co.	4	86	13	509	26		4	2 00	8 89	
" J. W. Richards	Germantown	1	39	18	366	38		2	5 00	35 00	
" Jesse Bahl	Berwick	8									
" H. S. Miller	Trappe, Montgomery co.	5	56	68	700	30		2	5 30	16 29½	
" C. P. Miller	Bucksville, Bucks co.	4	151	37	345	61	3		3 00	10 00	
" W. B. Kæmmerer	Richlandtown, Bucks co.	6	141	48	825	43	4		2 00	4 00	
" Joshua Jæger	Allentown	5	164	104	1221	52	5	4			
" J. B Gross	Fayette, Seneca co. N. Y.	3									
" Isaac Rœller	Kutztown	8	151	119	1203	33	8	1	1 10	10 00	

Rev. J. Binninger	Cunningham, Luzerne co.										
" G. Schulze	Williamsport, Lycoming co.	4	103	30	205	10		2			
" J. Schindel	Kerns, Lehigh co.	3									
" Mark Harpel	Reading	7									
" E. Peixoto	Sumnytown, Montg. co.	3	64	52	360	32	1	2	1 00	23 70	
" Jacob Medtart	Blue Bell, Montgomery co.	2	17	17	200	5		2	2 65	15 00	
" John Hæsbært	Baltimore City	1	146	23	1070	67	1	1	5 00	107 28	
" C. F. Welden	Kimberton, Chester co.	3	12	11	275	9		1	4 90	10 00	
" A. Fuchs	Bath, Northampton co.	5									
" C. Barnitz	New-Holland, Lancaster co.	1	8	11	71	1		1			
" C. W. Schæffer	Harrisburg	1	43	12	460	13		2		26 62*	* $14 of this are from the Sunday school, to be appropriated to Sunday schools in our foreign mission.
" Frederick Schmidt	Pittsburgh	1	5		37	2					
" G. M. Merz	Linglestown, Dauphin co.	2	37		155	13		1	1 76	2 00	
" W. G. Minnig	Pottsville	5	133	30	701	53	1	3	2 00		
" C. F. Stœver	Milton	6	118	79	528	35	3	4	2 00		
" Daniel Kohler	Kutztown	4	75		371	17	2	2	2 00	3 00	
" A. T. Geissenhainer	Orwigsburg	5	62	15	392	19	2	2	5 00	10 00	
" Leonard Gerhardt	Elizabethtown	5	103	80	825	26		2	1 00	16 00	
" G. H. Brandan	Chambersburg	1	18	13	266	3	1	1	1 00	2 00	
" S. A. Mealy	Philadelphia										
" August Gockelen	Friedensburg, Schuylkill co.	4	64	21	70	36					
" C. F. Friedrich	Brickersville, Lancaster co.	6	86	68	606	39					
" C. Georgii	Tamaqua, Schuylkill co.	4	65	25	109	9		2		5 50	
" Adolph Biewend	Washington City, D. C.	1									
" August Bauer	East Penn, Carbon co.	4	103	33	439	25	2	2	3 00	12 00	
" F. A. M. Keller	Reading										Vide Dr. Miller's report.
Cand. C. Erle	Cherry, Lycoming co.	4	22	9	19	3	3				
" George A. Wenzel	Hecktown, Northamp. co.	1	46		440	23					
" C. G. A. Neumann	Line Mountain, Northumb.	7	38	69	581	22	10	4		1 00	
" Wm. B. Rally	Philadelphia										
" Nathan Jæger	Easton										
" Peter L. Oberfeld	Kutztown										
" John C. Schmidt	New-Jerusalem, Berks co.	1									
" August Bergner	Orwigsburg										
		†208	4466	1916	25020	1535	95	73	$137 99	$837 98	Total for Missions.
			704	342	4811	235	16	4			
	Total,	208	5170	2258	29831	1770	111	77			

† Of these congregations 38 did not report, which last year reported as follows:

Remarks accompanying the foregoing Table.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina, presented us with $150 for our Foreign Mission, under Heyer.

The Missionary Society of the English Lutheran church (Dr. Mayer's) in Philadelphia, presented us with $125 for our Foreign Mission.

The Sunday school of the same church gave us for schools in India, $75.

A present from Mr. Jonathan Deininger, for Missions, $5.

Received for "Synodical Constitutions" sold, 75 cts.

Collection in church, at the Missionary anniversary, $18,67.

Contributions of the Synodical Missionary Society, $22.

Received from the Missionary Society of the German Lutheran church (Rev. Stohlman's) in New York, for Missions, $66,94.

Received from the Missionary association, in Stade, (Europe) and paid according to their desire to Rev. G. Jensen, $50.

Contribution from Mr. Christian Dornbach, for the Synodical Treasury, $2.